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Sir:

On May 16, 2003, Provisional Patent Application No. 60/470,849 was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a language other than English, i.e., in Japanese. Applicants now submit a Verified English-language translation of the provisional application. This translation is being filed within sixteen (16) months from the filing date of the provisional application, i.e., before September 16, 2004. This is in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78(a).

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DECLARATION

The undersigned, of the below address, hereby certifies that he/she is conversant with the English and Japanese languages. He/She further certifies that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief the attached English translation is a true and correct translation of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/470,849 filed on May 16, 2003.

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